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To Whom It May Concern:

In three short years, The Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement has made tremendous strides in improving the health of our community by encouraging all of our residents to make healthier choices when it comes to physical activity and nutrition. We have attracted nearly 3,000 people to the waterfront twice a year for our Memorial and Labor Day **Healthy Hometown Hike & Bikes**, distributed more than \$200,000 in mini-grants to neighborhood organizations to develop healthy programming, and awarded our first-ever **Mayor's Healthy Hometown Worksite Wellness Awards** to companies encouraging healthy behaviors in their workplaces.

But there is so much more to be done. That is why I am calling on this community to host its first **Healthy Hometown Pedestrian Summit** in Spring 2008 to address significant walkability issues and help us develop long-range plans and programs for making Louisville a more pedestrian friendly city.

To ensure the success of our summit, we will generate widespread awareness and create an inclusive environment. We want to hear from all sectors of our community including recreational runners and walkers, people from both urban and suburban neighborhoods and those with special needs. Together, we can make Louisville more pedestrian friendly and become a national leader in the advancement of walking policies, promotions and facilities.

The legacy of our summit will be the Healthy Hometown Community Pedestrian Plan, which will be developed as the result of the discussions and dialogues at the meeting. The Community Pedestrian Plan will serve as the guide to making Louisville more sensitive to pedestrian needs and will feature opportunities for developing more linkages for all Louisville corridors and neighborhoods toward enhancing health and furthering important partnerships.

The Mayor's Healthy Hometown Pedestrian Summit and its resulting Community Pedestrian Plan, provide a unique opportunity to bring our community together to make us healthier and happier.

Thanks so much for your thorough consideration of our proposal and your willingness to provide funding for such worthy initiatives.

Yours in health,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry E. Abramson".

Jerry E. Abramson
Louisville Mayor